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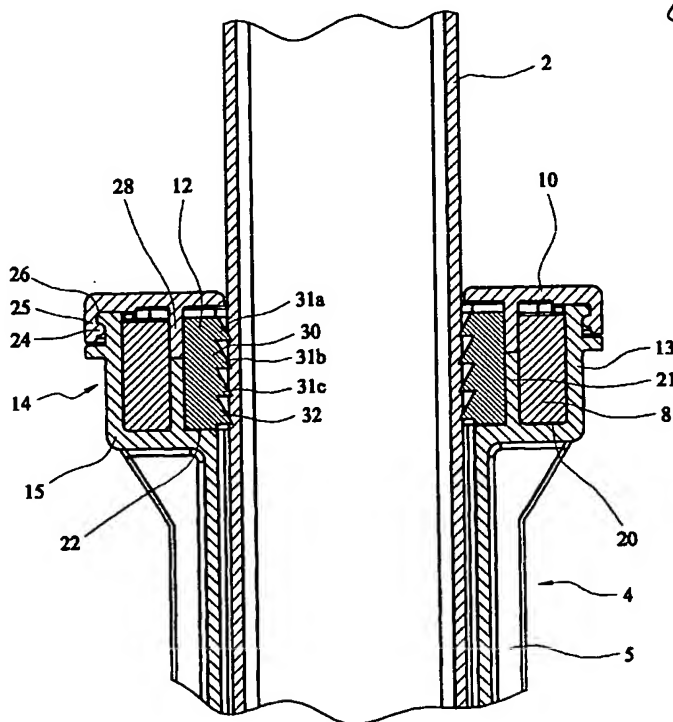
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(54) Title: **POST MOUNTING ARRANGEMENT**



(57) Abstract: A post mounting arrangement for ground installation of a post comprising a tubular body portion (6) which is adapted to be installed into the ground and has an open end adapted to receive a post (2) to be supported. The open end of the tubular body portion comprises an enlarged flange portion defining a head portion (14) of the tubular main body portion (6). The head flange portion (14) includes a resilient retaining collar (12, 12') adapted to receive and engage the post, and a strengthening band (8). The head portion (14) comprises a first recess (22) defined therein within which the said collar (12, 12') is engaged and mounted, and a second recess (20) defined in the head portion adapted to receive the said strengthening band (8). The collar may comprise a shock absorbing element (12') having a groove (42) capable of receiving an expansion ring (44) to lock the element into place and seal it both to the post (2) and the head portion (14). Alternatively, the head portion (14) further comprises a separate cap (10) which is adapted to be fitted to and engages with said head portion (14) to enclose said recesses (20, 22) and secure said collar (12) and strengthening ring (8) within said recesses.

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